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WOMAN INDICTED FOR PENSION FRAUD -- Cashed her father's pension checks after he died --

ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner of the Department of Investigation (DOI), today announced the indictment of SANDRA JACKSON (AKA SANDRA SCOTT) for allegedly stealing approximately \$46,000 in City pension and transit checks issued after her father's death.

Jackson, 54, a former New York City resident who now lives in Durham, North Carolina, has been charged with Bank Larceny, 18 U.S.C. § 2113(b). If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in jail.

DOI began its investigation when the New York City Employees' Retirement System (NYCERS) determined that someone had been cashing pension checks for Sylvester Scott, a retired New York City Transit worker who died November 21, 1995, said Commissioner Gill Hearn. Sylvester Scott had been receiving one pension check and one supplemental transit check, in varying amounts, monthly. NYCERS had been mailing the pension checks, made out to Mr. Scott, to his post office box in North Carolina, where he lived before his death.

According to today's indictment, between January of 1996 and October of 1999, Sandra Scott-Jackson stole more than \$46,000 by fraudulently endorsing her father's name on pension and transit checks issued to her father following his death and then depositing them into her own bank account.

Commissioner Gill Hearn thanked the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Durham City Police Department, and Durham County Sheriff's Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the investigation.

The investigation was conducted by Julia Davis, DOI's Inspector General for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, and members of her staff, including Special Investigators Alicia George and Esther Bluett.

The office of United States Attorney James B. Comey, Southern District of New York, is prosecuting the case.

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